

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the Abstract section of the specification and replace with the following:

A container includes a self-erecting structure for a rod-shaped member, e.g. a brush. A first magnet is associated with the rod-shaped member and a second magnet (or ferromagnetic material) is associated with the container. The container and rod-shaped member can include surfaces configured to cooperate in the self-erecting process as a result of the magnetic interaction due to the polarity arrangement of the magnetic materials. The rod-shaped member is constantly urged to pivot in the erecting direction by magnetic attraction force between the two magnets so that the rod-shaped member is automatically shiftable from a lying position to an erect position. A lid of the container has an erection restraining part capable of holding the rod-shaped member in the lying position on a mount surface against the urging force when the lid is closed.